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For: **EMPLOYEE INFORMATION COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND METHOD**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) and in response to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Notice of Omitted Item(s) In a Nonprovisional Application mailed September 10, 2001, copy attached, it is respectfully submitted that the following amendment and remarks be entered in the above-referenced application.

Applicants hereby accept the application as filed, and request entry of the following Preliminary Amendment prior to examination. It is respectfully submitted that no fee is due.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please REPLACE the following paragraphs as originally filed:

[0026] FIG. 10 is a exemplary table showing the data structure that can be used in the advertisement and simulation information within the employee information apparatus of FIG. 1;

[0027] FIGS. 11A and 11B are exemplary tables showing a data structure of an information verification portion of an employee information apparatus and method in accordance with the embodiments of the present invention;

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the specification as originally-filed, and obviate the notice of omitted items.